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Arion Band Hall  
Frostburg

Late 19th Century

The Arion Band Hall was built in the latter half of the 19th Century for the German Arion Band as both a meeting place and a practice hall. The structure is a rectangular block one story high and three bays wide. The Hall was originally covered with weatherboard and roofed with shingles. The entrance, located on the west side, is covered with a console supported by brackets while the windows are two-over-two lights covered by louvered shutters.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Arion Band Hall

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

35 Uhl Street

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED  
☒ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

Band Practice Hall

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☒ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William S. Jenkins, MD Coal &amp; Realty Company Telephone #: Office-689-8895

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Depot Road

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Arion Band Hall is located at 35 Uhl Street in Frostburg, Allegany County, and is found on the east side of the street approximately two blocks north of the intersection at Main Street.

The structure built in the mid<sup>to late</sup> nineteenth century is basically a one story, three bays wide rectangular block. The roof line of the structure runs east/west and is gabled and has replaced asphalt shingle materials covering the structure. The foundation of the hall is made of cut stone and is low with a plain water table. The structure, which is frame, was originally covered with weatherboard but has since been covered with asbestos siding. The entrance of the structure, (west side) is six paneled and is covered with a small semicircular hood which is supported by consoles. The windows feature architrave trim with cornices and are all closed by lowered shutters. An original corbeled brick chimney is located on the east inside end of the facade.

The building appears to be structually sound and partially near original condition except for the replaced roof shingles and asbestos siding.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1850-1875-1890

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Arion Band Hall was built in the mid<sup>To late</sup> nineteenth century exclusively for the purpose of the band meeting place and practice hall. The band's original name was the German Arion Band, however, the surname German was dropped at the beginning of World War I. The structure is basically sound and is still being used as a practice hall for the Arion Band. Although somewhat altered the opportunity for restoration is very possible and restoring the hall would add greatly to the cultural heritage of Frostburg which exhibits deviation from the typical mining town due to structures such as the Arion Band Hall.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Approx. 80' x 100'**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

35 Uhl Street

Boundary Lines East &amp; West 100' Lines North &amp; South 80'

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John E. Nelson, Program Coordinator of All. Co. Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

4/21/76

STREET &amp; NUMBER

10 Park Lane

TELEPHONE

689-8486

CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-VII-A-012

DATE: 4/12/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

Approx - 80'x100

NAME OF PROPERTY: Arion Band Hall - Own - Building

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 35 Uhl St

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: West

NAME OF OWNER: William S. Jenkins - Md. Coal and Realty - Own

ADDRESS: Depot Rd.  
Frostburg, MD. 21532

STORIES: 1(☒) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3(☒) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 0

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION: Now Slate Siding

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS Plain

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
Cornices pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: West Face

HARDWARE: original(☒) replaced( )

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, RAVING (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original(☒) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, L ANGEAD, GAMBREL, FLAT, LOFTERS / Architrave

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced(☒)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( ) - Hood - Semicircular

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(☒) STONE( ) CORBELLED(☒) original(☒) replaced( )

LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end(☒) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Band Hall

Significance - Music-Hall

Date Constructed - Mid 19<sup>th</sup> Century to late 19<sup>th</sup> Century

Condition - Fair

## Key points regarding interior architecture.

## 1. Floor plan

No through hall--How many rooms long and deep?  
Where is stairway? Straight or winding?

With through hall--Rooms on both sides? How many?  
Rooms on one side only? How many?

Is stair in through hall?

Open or enclosed? Straight--one run. Straight--landing

How many? Curved.

If not in hall, where is stair?

## 2. Wall finish: plaster, paneled, board partition

Note presence of chair rail, cornice, etc.

## 3. Fireplaces: How many?

Parallel to walls or diagonal in corner?

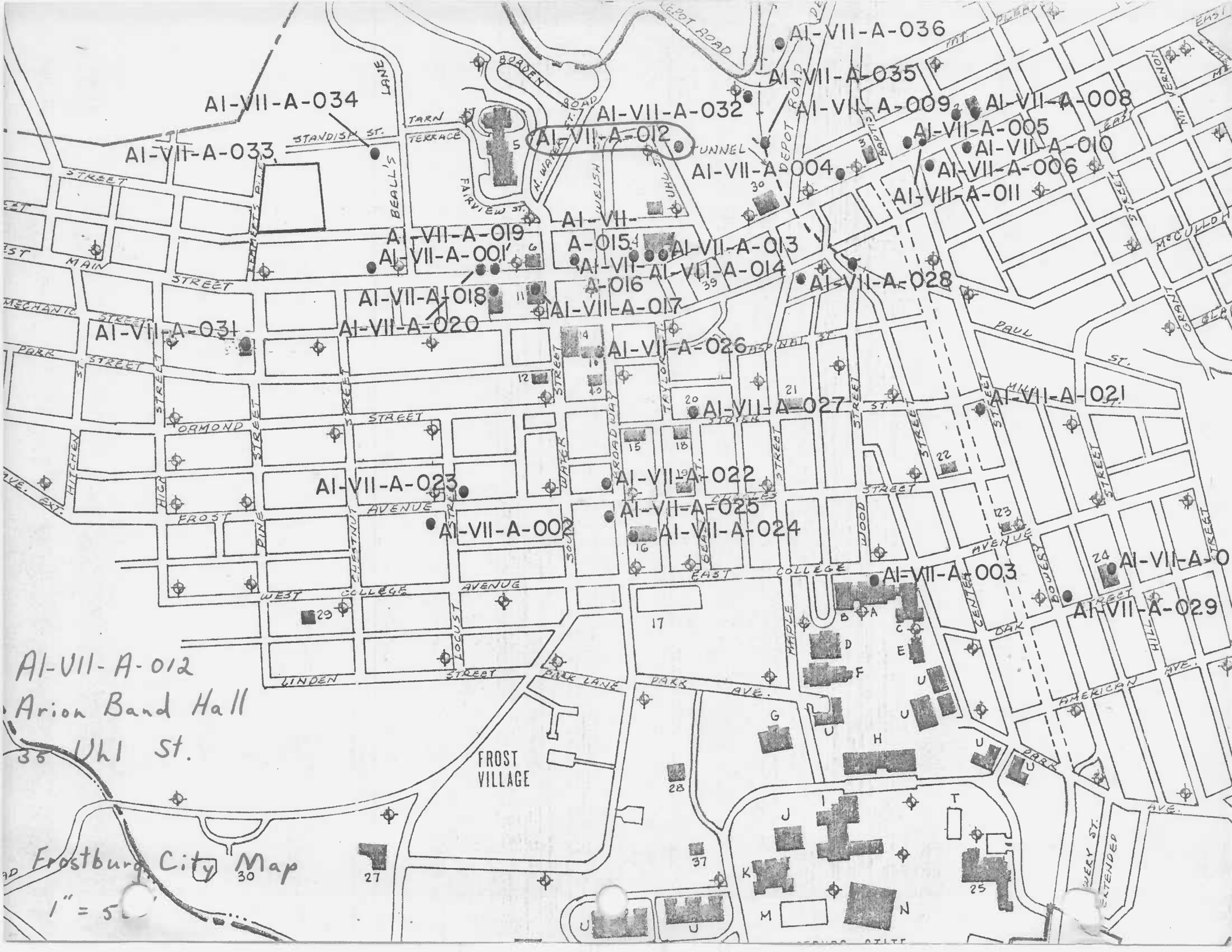
Mantels: wood--mouldings, pilasters, columns

masonry--marble(what color?), brick

## 3. Doors: on the inside of exterior doors, note the presence of applied flush boards and their direction (diagonal, vertical, horizontal). In general are doors paneled or ledge or other?

## 4. Door and window trim: plain, architrave; fluted, reeded; pilasters

## 5. Kitchen: Where is original if extant or known (marked by very large fireplace)? Separate building; wing to principal dwelling; within principal dwelling? On which floor of any of the above?







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East



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North